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# BACK OF THE BUS CARBON

"The worst of madmen..."

March 26, 1965

## THE CARBON SPEAKS

Should Marian College take a definite stand on the civil rights issue in Alabama? Should the Student Board finance a delegation to this southern state? These are two of the questions that have been debated frequently and vehemently since the Student Board meeting Monday morning. At this time the Board voted to finance bus transportation to Montgomery, Alabama for several volunteers who wanted to take part in the demonstration Thursday.

The answer to the first question is yes if this seems to reflect the opinion of a majority of the student body. The traditional roles of Negro and White in many parts of this country are so deeply planted in the whole social structure that the militant demonstration seem the only feasible way of adjusting the status quo. Conference tables and calm, rational discussion will not significantly alter the situation. As long as the system is not under any visible attack it is likely to remain unchanged for another hundred years. It is the responsibility of every citizen to see that every other citizen is of his rights under the constitution. It is our duty to take a stand on this issue.

The answer to the second question is a no. The CARBON strongly objects to the means used by the Student Board. We feel that the money should have been raised through student contributions. Popular support for civil rights is a matter that is determined by the conscience of every individual. This is especially true when a question of means is at stake. Many individuals cannot sanction large scale demonstration. This is their right. Some effort should have been made to determine student opinion. A voluntary collection of funds would have determined the degree of support.

We also find it difficult to ignore the fact that the meeting was called in a somewhat irregular (although not unconstitutional) manner. It was unscheduled. The time was inconvenient and several members were unable to attend. Because of the noble nature of the cause we believe that many individuals have been swept away on a wave of emotion leaving behind many important considerations.

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## MORE

As a student of Marian College, I would like to protest the uproar resulting from the Student Board's decision to send four people to Selma and Montgomery, Alabama. Complaints have been raised on various grounds, mostly procedural, which I believe are completely irrelevant. The meeting which the Student Board President called was completely in line with Student Board practice. The President has always had the right and power to call special meetings when necessary. When the notice was posted on the bulletin board, the meeting was clearly labeled as an important one and since Student Board policy has always been one of open meetings, except for those announced as closed. This meeting was open to anyone who cared to come. The Student Board has the right to appropriate money for its activities and should not be censored for an action that is without doubt constitutional. It should in fact be praised for its implementation of those principles which as Catholics we are supposed to profess.

Evelyn Looney

## Thank YOU

The CARBON wants to thank everyone for the letters they submitted this week. Because of the number, it was impossible for us to print each letter in full, and we hope we've kept your ideas intact.

## Mixed Volleyball Schedule (Wednesday, Mar. 31)

7:00 P.M.

No Names vs. Parasites  
Lump Lumps vs. Mimiheekes

7:45 P.M.

Fireballs vs. Bedfellows(?)  
Oatfrays vs. Cant-a-lopes

## PROM TIME AGAIN

The Juniors have announced the candidates for Queen of the 1965 Jr.-Sr. Prom.

1. Kenia Cassarel
2. Judy Farmer
3. Nora Fitzpatrick
4. Judy Pille
5. Mary Beth Taylor

Congratulations to all of you!

## JOURNEY INTO THE NIGHT

Sister: You fellows don't have any right to ride the elevator.  
To the Jackal and Trumpey: Don't you boys know the elevator is not for people; it's for the faculty!

Jot down April 9 and 10 in your date books. That's when the Drama Dept.'s production of "Long Day's Journey into the Night" goes on the boards.

MORE

As resident students of Marian College, we disapprove of the Student Board's appropriation of our money to support the Marian "freedom" marchers.

First of all, we feel that the student body has a right to know, at least a day in advance, about board meetings concerning any controversial matter. In this way the students themselves can express their opinions and ideas before any action of the board is taken.

Secondly, and more important, we object to the fact that these marchers are using our money to support their ideas which are not those of the entire student body. There is no question that in the South certain rights have been denied. However, we disagree with the obvious assumption on the part of students and faculty alike that such demonstrations are helping the situation.

We suggest heading the plea of certain priests and bishops for those not directly concerned with the situation in Alabama to remain at home. This will prevent the occurrence of more violence and with it the generation of more hatred on both sides.

Judi Steele  
Carolyn Whisler

IF YOU HAVE A LOT OF BOWL...

There are several spots open on the Marian Mixed Bowling League. Competition starts this Sunday at 8:30, with seven complete teams and the aforementioned partly-filled teams. If you have 2 hours and \$1.50 each Sunday evening, you can try your luck--good or bad--with your friends. There are two fellows and two gals on each squad. Chris Sweany, Clara Kramer, or Ken Lustig can tie together the loose ends. Remember, it's not how you play the game, but if you win or lose! Be at the Eagle-dale Bowl ready to throw the bowl this Sunday.

Anyone still interested in entering an act in the M.C. Review contact Jack O'Hara. Tryouts: Today & Mon. 3:30-5:30.

...WE GET LETTERS.

MORE

Six of the civil rights demonstrators in Alabama this week have been given \$100 by our student board. The demonstrators are Marian students and the money given them to pay for their transportation. But the cry raised by many is the "the Board shouldn't have appropriated money for such a purpose."

The argument against the appropriation is that the Board should not use its funds for something so far removed from the immediate concern of Marian College. Perhaps underlying this argument, there is feeling that the Selma demonstrations themselves were unjustifiable no matter who paid for them or participated in them. That our student board should support these activities in the South outrages their law-abiding consciences.

The right of the board to appropriate money to individual clubs or students for school related conventions and special projects has long been established. The important point to determine is the relevance of the Selma march to Marian College.

Selma is one phase of a whole movement of American history--the trend toward complete democracy and full equality of all citizens. Indeed, the civil rights movement is the most significant domestic event to occur in our nation since the depression and is of greater importance to the essential elements of our nation than Vietnam will ever be. If we continued to use our money only to furnish our lounges and fence in our swimming pool, we would choose the parochial interests of a 60 acre plot of ground over a life-blood issue of the nation. At the time the issue was not so much irrelevant to ourselves as we were irrelevant to the issue. But by its decision the board put us in step with the nation.

That is why we applaud the money for Selma.

YCS

INTRAMURAL SCHEDULE FOR SUNDAY, MARCH 28

- 11:00 Old Dogs vs. Vets
- 12:00 Rogues vs. Whiz Kids
- 1:00 Aces Full vs. Manuah's Mixers
- 2:00 Hotshots vs. Jokers
- 3:00 Finks vs. Bombers
- 4:00 Chews vs. Passionate Few
- 5:00 Trashmen vs. Sugars

HATS OFF

Girls! For \$1.00 (or 99¢ if your beau wears a hat) you can take that hunk of man you love to a swinging, fun-filled evening at the Turn-About Dance in the Mixed Lounge on Saturday, March 3, from 8:00 till 11:30. There will be a \$5.00 prize for the best hat.

Ask him now girls--He's dying to go!!  
(Sponsored by The Booster Club.)

TO MR. FLETCHER: To eat is human. To digest--divine.  
Watch for the CARBON Spring Sports Extra!